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Jon Sinclair et al.

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For: COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS AND  
SYSTEMS FOR RAPIDLY CHANGING THE  
SOLUTION ENVIRONMENT AROUND  
SENSORS

Examiner: R. S. Negin

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 10, 2007, in the above-identified application.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 28 of this paper.